

Brooklyn City Council
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Barb Paulitzky, Ron Van Kirk, Meg Ryan Shockey, Andy Celcherts, Mary Balbier, Kevin Tanski.
ABSENT: Kathy Pucci (excused)

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Deacon Chuck Zawadsky of St. Thomas More Parish. He also extended condolences to Mayor Gallagher and family from the Parish on the passing of Michael Gallagher.

Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2018. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE:** *To approve:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **APPROVED**

President Van Kirk, on behalf of the City of Brooklyn, offered sympathy to the family of Mayor Gallagher, former Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher and their families on the passing of Mike Gallagher. He leaves behind a legacy, having served nearly 30 years as Firefighter, Inspector, Paramedic, and Safety Director; and a loving husband, father and grandfather, and servant to others. A moment of silence was observed.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave. complimented the EMS for responding to a neighbor's emergency needs, and transported him where he received needed successful procedure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): Reminded that Council will hold its second Budget Work Session on Nov. 19th at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room. The Committee met at 6:30 and discussed: a request from the Recreation Dept. for approval to accept a donation of equipment from the Figure Skating Club (worth approximately \$1,585.42); Res. 2018-8, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County General Health District for Health Services for the years 2019 and 2020; Ord. 2018-79, accepts medical insurance renewal from Medical Mutual of Ohio and providing insurance coverage for all eligible employees from 1/1/19, and from Delta Dental for dental coverage from 1/1/19 to 12/31/20. (There was a 0% increase for medical, at the rate of 1.5M for coverage; dental has a 9% increase for 2019 for 2020, for \$110,000/year); Ord. 2018-80, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a shared services agreement between the City of Brooklyn and Parma Hts. for the position of Animal Control Officer; Ord. 2018-81, Establishing the Capital Reserve Fund for the City of Brooklyn (to be used solely for 1, existing debt obligations 2, financing of new debt and capital acquisitions, and 3, capital improvements due to depreciation); Ord. 2018-82, Determining the percentages of gross receipts from the Municipal Income Tax to be deposited into the General, Capital Improvement and Capital Reserve Funds (84% General, 15% Capital Improvement, 1% Capital Reserve); Ord. 2018-84, Declaring the improvement of certain real property to be a public purpose pursuant to Revised Code Section 5709.40(B); declaring such improvement to be exempt from real property taxation; designating public infrastructure improvements to be made that will directly benefit such property; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; designating a municipal public improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments; authorizing compensation payments to the Brooklyn City School District; and repealing a prior inconsistent Ordinance (purpose is to give schools proper statutory notice we will be doing this).

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): The next Board mtg. is Nov. 19th in the Rec Center mtg. room.

Domestic Abuse Commission (Councilwoman Ryan Shockey): Thanked all who contributed to the Domestic Abuse Awareness drive (she made three trips to the Police Station due to the volume of donations). Thanked Chief Mielke for helping with the safe drop-off location. -The Commission met Nov. 7th for its last mtg. of the year and discussed the 2019 agenda, funding ideas for the Love Doesn't Shove speaker, the schools in the spring, and current news. -Advocates say the best way to stop domestic abuse is to talk about it, so the Commission has decided to do more to raise awareness in hopes of people talking more. -There are white ribbons at the front desk for White Ribbon Day on Nov. 25th, and for 16 days (Dec. 12). It symbolizes a

pledge to never take part in, condone, or stay silent about domestic abuse against women. Please take and wear one from Nov. 25 to Dec. 12 to show solidarity and help raise awareness.

Bd. of Zoning Appeals (Commissioner Kulcsar): The Board meeting scheduled for Nov. 15th is cancelled due to no applications.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Commission met Nov 1st and approved a request from: M.L. Weber, PE for final plan approval for 4-story 85-room hotel on Tiedeman Rd.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Barb Paulitzky: Yesterday was Veteran's Day, offered past and present veterans a thank you, and they are owed a debt that cannot be repaid. Brooklyn's Veterans Memorial Park was added to by the Laurel Garden Club with a Blue and Gold Star Plaque (first in Ohio to dedicate both at the same time). –This a difficult Council mtg. due to the passing of Michael Gallagher, who dedicated his life to the service of the community as a Firefighter; it has been devastating. His legacy will live on in his wife Colleen (who also dedicates her life to serving others), and his daughters, Hon. Judge Kelly Gallagher, and Mayor Katherine Gallagher (he instilled in them the desire to serve). They will need the support of the community, so keep them in prayers.

Meg Ryan Shockey: Wished happy belated Veterans Day to those who previously served or are currently serving our country, we are eternally thankful. –Extended condolences, thoughts and prayers to Mayor Gallagher and family on the passing of Michael Gallagher. –While on the campaign trail and since being on Council, has discussed/shown importance of collaboration beyond the city level; and has reached out to other Cuyahoga County Councilpersons under age 40 on it. They met for the 1st mtg. last month and discussed non-partisan topics and issues that communities can tackle together. She'll continue to work with local leaders on solutions, advocate at State level, and help move Ohio forward.

Andy Celcherts: Thanked Dir. Verba and staff for helping upgrade lighting on Ridge Rd. and 480 bridge; it's brighter and safer. Also thanked for the various spot concrete and paving repairs on Ridge near 480, Biddulph and Southwood by 480 bridge. –Oct. 30th attended Metrohealth's Food as Medicine Clinic, for patients to receive a food prescription before they leave the hospital (and two clinic visits, no cost healthy canned, frozen, dairy and fresh foods to correspond to dietary needs and provide nutritional information.) –Thanked current and past veterans for their service. –Expressed condolences to the Gallagher families on their loss.

Mary Balbier: Expressed condolences to Mayor Gallagher on the loss of her father. –Thanked Deacon Zawadsky for his opening prayer, and also for the special things he does for St. Thomas More. –Wished happy belated Veterans Day to the veterans. –Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and reminded it's important to say thank you. –Commented on pending H.B. 293, which would double the time for a learner's driving permit, raise the probationary age, add to adult accompanied time, in an effort to increase their experience and hopefully reduce the number of teen crashes and deaths.

Kevin Tanski: Offered condolences to Mayor Gallagher and her family on the passing of Michael Gallagher. –The Cuyahoga County Solar Farm at the Brooklyn Landfill has been awarded the Solar Builder 2018 Golden Project of the Year, the first project of its kind in the State. It's an honor for Brooklyn to be recognized as a national leader in solar energy development. Brooklyn High School and Polaris Engineering students were given a tour of the solar facility on Oct. 24th, where they were given an overview on panel design, installation, and how solar energy is produced. Thanked all officials who attended and spoke with the students. –Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Van Kirk said several years ago Councilman Celcherts started the Halloween House Decorating Contest in the City, and asked him to announce the winners. Councilman Celcherts announced: Tied for 1st Place: The Svoboda Family at 10700 Biddulph and the Fillmore Family at 7432 Wefel; 2nd Place: the Bombik Family at 6223 Traymore; 3rd Place: the Knapp Family at 6505 Dawning. There were many homes very well decorated; every street had some decorations, from simple to elaborate displays. Thanked everyone for getting in the spirit of the Halloween season. Pres. Van Kirk said pictures of the winners, and

also other homes in the city, are on the City's Facebook page, and the winners will be in the next city newsletter.

Ron Van Kirk: Echoed Mr. Ardito's comments on our EMS- they always do a great job and it's good to know they are there. –Wished veterans happy Veterans Day. Reflected on this when he visited Arlington Cemetery a few weeks ago. –Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. It's good to have a few days to reflect and be grateful. –Asked to be in prayer for the Gallagher family during this tough time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Katie Gallagher was absent.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Raguz: Said he had nothing to say that has not already been said.

Pres. Van Kirk welcomed Law Dir. Butler's daughter, Agnes, joining him this evening, and working on her homework.

REQUESTS:

Request from Mgr. McGinty to accept a donation of music equipment worth approximately \$1,585.42. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Celcherts to accept the donation. **VOTE:** *To accept donation:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request for a liquor permit for 4295 Tiedeman. **MOTION** by Paulitzky, second by Ryan Shockey for a position of no objection. **VOTE:** *For no objection:* Yes: Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. Abstain: Van Kirk. No: None. **(NO OBJECTION)**

Request for a liquor permit for 5092 Tiedeman (transfer from Wild Ginger to the Casa). **MOTION** by Ryan Shockey, second by Tanski for a position of no objection. **VOTE:** *For no objection:* Yes: Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. Abstain: Van Kirk. No: None. **(NO OBJECTION)**

Pres. Van Kirk stated, per Council rules, his reasons for abstaining being his faith dictates they have no part in liquor, so he abstains from voting on those topics.

LEGISLATION:

RES. #2018-8 (3rd Reading/Adoption): Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County General Health District for Health Services for the years 2019 and 2020. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Tanski to adopt. **VOTE:** *To adopt:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. #2018-76, Amending Ch. 155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn to bring the City's Board of Control into alignment with the Ohio Revised Code. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. #2018-77, Adopting a policy for the use of the City of Brooklyn credit cards pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 921(a). **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. #2018-79 (requested to be adopted by suspension of rules), Accepting the medical insurance renewal for Medical Mutual of Ohio providing medical insurance coverage for eligible employees from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019 and from Delta Dental for dental coverage from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2020. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Tanski to suspend the rules. **VOTE:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. No: None **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. #2018-80, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Brooklyn and the City of Parma Heights for the position of Animal Control Officer. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-81, Establishing the Capital Reserve Fund within the City of Brooklyn. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-82, Determining the percentages of gross receipts from the Brooklyn Municipal Income Tax to be deposited into the General, Capital Improvement and Capital Reserve Funds. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2018-84, Declaring the improvement of certain real property to be a public purpose pursuant to Revised Code Section 5709.40(B); declaring such improvement to be exempt from real property taxation; designating public infrastructure improvements to be made that will directly benefit such property; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; designating a municipal public improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments; authorizing compensation payments to the Brooklyn City School District and Polaris Career Center; and repealing a prior inconsistent Ordinance. **(FIRST READING)**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adjourn. **VOTE:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Mary-Jo Banish
Clerk of Council

Ron Van Kirk
President of Council

Minutes approved: 11.26.18